



**Amusements.**

**HER MAJESTY'S THEATRE.**  
Side Boxes and Managers.  
Messrs. WILLIAMSON and MUSGROVE.  
Mrs. MANSFIELD, Mrs. O. GOODMAN, Mrs. J. D. Moulton.  
EVERY EVENING, 1 P.M., WED. AFTERNOON,  
M.S., 2 P.M.

**LAST 3 NIGHTS**  
of the  
**GREAT DOUBLE BILL**

TO-NIGHT, WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 20,  
and for  
**2 MORE NIGHTS ONLY,**  
W. S. Gilbert's Charming Comedy, in 3 acts,  
**PYGMALION AND GALATEA**  
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Cast of characters.

**PYGMALION**—Mr. THOMAS KINGSTON  
LEUCIPPE—Miss MARY NATIONON  
CHRYSIN—Mr. HENRY MACINTYRE  
MIMUS—Mr. F. W. LLOYD  
MYSTIC—Miss ROSE MUSGROVE  
DAPHNE—Miss JULIA MERTON  
GALATEA—Miss HENRIETTA WATSON  
Presented at the Stock by the charming Comedietta,  
**A WHITE STOCKING**,  
by Edward Everett and Arthur Stewart.

**JOHN STAPLTON**—Mr. W. P. HAWTHORN  
CAPT. FARNHAM—Mr. T. C. WARD  
MISS STAPLTON—Miss ROSE MUSGROVE

**SCENE: THE LIBRARY AT LAUGHTON HOSPITAL.**  
Period 1770.

Stage Director—Mr. W. E. HANTHEY  
Musical Director—Mr. G. WHITE  
BOX PLAN at NICHOLSON's and Co., as usual.  
CHILDS' BOXES, 1/-; BOXES, 2/-; BOXES WITH TICKETS, 4/-, can be obtained during the day at BUTLER'S HOTEL, Pitt-street, next Theatre.

**HER MAJESTY'S THEATRE.**  
**SPECIAL NOTICE.**

In consequence of the great preparations necessary for the production of "The Christian," the Director has to announce that the **REGULAR MATINEE PERFORMANCE THIS (WEDNESDAY) AFTERNOON.**

**HER MAJESTY'S THEATRE.**  
**IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT.**

**SATURDAY NEXT, SEPTEMBER 23,**  
**THE PRODUCTION IN AUSTRALIA**  
of Wilson Barrett's play "The Call of Duty" will be given.

**THE CHRISTIAN**  
by the Director of "The Christian."

\* \* \* The sole rights of this powerful Play throughout the Australian Colonies have been purchased by Messrs. Williamson and Musgrave, and it is intended to be produced in all the principal Cities of Australia simultaneously in LONDON and EDINBURGH.

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Messrs. Williamson and Musgrave have arranged to produce this powerful Play throughout the Australian Colonies simultaneously in LONDON and EDINBURGH.

37 SPEAKING CHARACTERS,

for which a SPECIAL CAST has been CAREFULLY PREPARED, SPLENDID COMPANY OF POPULAR ARTISTS, including

Mr. THOMAS KINGSTON, Mr. JOHN STAPLTON, Miss HENRIETTA WATSON, MOLONY QUAYLE

**THE BOX PLAN**

is now open at NICHOLSON'S and Co.'s.

"POPS"—Grand Irish Celebration. NEXT SATURDAY.

CINEMATOGRAPHE AND ILLUSIONS AT THE CYCLODRA.

OPEN FROM 10 A.M. TO 5 P.M. and 7 to 10 p.m.

**THE CYCLODRA AT 8, THEATRE OF CHIST.**

A City of Sydney Pictures. Required.

Expositions at 11 hours, 1 m. and 4.30 p.m.

At 8 and 9 p.m., Full Length Pictures.

Illustrations of the CYCLODRA and ILLUSIONS.

The ILLUSIONS are shown after the 2 and 3 p.m. Performances.

REGULAR FRESH STABLY JUST ADDED.

NOTABLY THE MYSTERY, A Night for Old and Young.

EXCELSIOR, A Night for Old and Young.

EDEN, A Night for Old and Young.

## THE SYDNEY MORNING HERALD. WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 1899.

## Auction Sales.

WILLIAM INGLIS AND SON will sell by auction, at their Rooms, THIS DAY, at 11 a.m., sheep, Vans, Sprinkles, Horses, and Harness, Drayage Horses, Tipping Wagons, &c. At 12 o'clock, Horses and Vehicles of every description. Speciality auctioneers. Tel. 1821.

## HORSES, HORSES,

CAMPBELLTON YARDS.

THIS DAY, WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 20, at 2.30 p.m.

## FIRST-CLASS COUNTRY HORSES.

10 SUPERIOR PONIES. 10













## FARM AND STATION NOTES.

BY OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.

## SPRING CULTIVATION.

There is nothing so important in the raising of crops as spring cultivation. While the plants are young the ground needs to be frequently stirred, and to keep down the weeds, but to conserve the moisture. In Australia, what is now being experienced, the hoe and cultivator should be kept going all the time. The force of capillary attraction is of wonderful value to the farmer, and he needs to fully understand it in order to make his servant. Dig the lower and a sponge in the soil, and it becomes wet all the time. Dry the surface, and it will not slowly soak up. The water rises through what are called capillary tubes. This is a fine provision of nature that makes water to rise above the surface of the soil. The amount of water in the soil is proportional to the size of the pores, or spaces among the particles of soil. The stirring of the surface forms a mulch, which retards the movement of water, and so conserves it. The object in cultivation is to break those roots which run out to the surface, so that the moisture does not waste by evaporation, but is diffused among the plants. It is a curious fact, but science tells us that soon after rain a cultivated field will actually become drier than it was before it fell. This is due to the heat of the sun. So it is that the crop will not be ready to market. The moment before harvesting arrived was an exception to the rule, for it was then that the market became absolutely bare of wheat. Following this bareness three weeks arrive with a total of nearly 20,000 crates. The high prices made a check upon the scattered rabbits which had killed the field, and a high price was obtained for the grain, for the market lay dead for weeks. It has now shown a remarkable signs of revival. During the last few years from Tasmania to Victoria, until very large quantities filled the cold stores.

To show how the statistical position of Tasmania has changed, for the year a few figures will suffice. Last year from Tasmania the imports were 86,300 crates, of which 40,000 were from Australia and 37,000 from New Zealand. This year the imports were 100,000 crates, and 40,000 from Australia and 40,000 from New Zealand. It is evident that the growth in the trade is almost entirely Australian. One of the best imports is the frozen rabbit, which is the chief article of diet, and from this it is evident that the relative position of the supply will be very much in the same position as the demand.

The question, will this excessive import be absorbed without any effect on price? The experts regard this as a certainty. The rabbit upper hand is now so great that it is to be a growing number of days may mean a considerable loss in the crop, or it may not. It depends on the weather the following day, and on the frequency that each cultivation may not be necessary, but it is to be on the safe side and to cultivate after each rain, unless appearances indicate another very soon. If it does not rain within a week after cultivating the operation should be repeated, not only to clear away the weeds, but to diffuse the rain.

A review of the present position of the frozen rabbit trade may account for the present feeling that prevails among farmers holding a large quantity of rabbits.

At the present time there is no market for rabbits, but it may be conserved by the sale of the meat.

There is no way of getting rid of this difficulty. It may seem to be a good idea to dry the meat, and to send it to market, but it is evident that the meat will not be ready to market.

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